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1. DURING CALL ON RWANDAN FONMIN NSEKALIJE SEPT 30, AMB OUTLINED NEW USG POSITION CONCERNING KOREA AND PRESENTED NOTE CONTAINING SELECTED POINTS REFTEL A. BASIC THRUST PRESENTATION WAS TO STRESS THAT USG INITIATIVE FOR FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE IS COMPATIBLE WITH REPEATED RWANDAN POSITION THAT PEACE IN KOREA MUST BE ARRANGED THROUGH DIRECT EFFORTS "CONCERNED PARTIES" AND IMPLICATION THAT DPRK RESOLUTION (OF WHICH RWANDA IS CO-SPONSOR) THUS NOT IN ACCORD RWA DAN POLICY SINCE IT EXCLUDES ROK. NOTE INDICATES GOR MAY WISH CONSIDER ITS PRINCIPLES ARE INCLUDED IN ANY RESOLUTION IT SUPPORTS.

2. FONMIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN USG PROPOSAL BUT HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS EVEN THOUGH HE JUST RETURNED FROM VISIT TO DPRK IN WHICH HE CALLED ON KIM II SUNG. IN RESPONSE AMB'S QUESTION, FONMIN STATED HE RECEIVED NO INDICATION IN PYONGYANG OF ANY CHANGE IN DPRK'S POSITIONS. FONMIN NOTED GOR HAS RELATIONS BOTH KOREAS BUT THEN WAXED CONTEMPTUOUS OF TIMING
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AND MANNER ROK WITHDRAWAL (REFTEL B).

3. COMMENT: IN MY JUDGMENT, IT WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE UNDERTAKE DEMARCHE IN RWANDA FULLY CONSISTENT WITH TONE REFTEL A BEARING IN MIND (A) CONTINUING GOR BELIEF (SHARED ALSO BY PRESIDENT HAYBARIMANA) THAT ROK WITHDRAWAL WAS INSULTING, (B) GROWING DPRK ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE EFFORT, (C) GOR ALREADY CO-SPONSOR DPRK RESOLUTION AND (D) GOR STILL SENSITIVE OVER ITS DECISION LAST YEAR NOT TO RECOGNIZE PRG AND GRUNK IN RESPONSE EMBASSY'S STRONG DEMARCHES. EMB PRESENTATION ON KOREA THUS MODIFIED TO BE EXPLANATORY RATHER THAN HORTATORY AND TO INSTILL MISTRUST THAT DPRK MAY BE EXPLOITING GOR ON KOREA ISSUE. FRITTS

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